

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/663,107

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 3/13/06.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 13-21.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
- ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

Notice of Allowance

This is the Notice of Allowance for application number 10/663,107 License Plate Holding bracket and the Holding Structure thereof, filed on 9/16/03. Claims 13-21 are allowed.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

In claim 13, line 16, after "parallel with tailgate and before "a first end of a stay" a rotational movement mechanism having has been added.

In claim 14, line 8, after "fixing member" and before "a state" [to] has been deleted and in has been added.

In claim 15, line 3, after "further comprising:" and before "a latch", [a lock mechanism with] has been deleted and the lock mechanism having has been added.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Robert Weilacher on 3/22/06.

Reasons for Allowance

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

With regards to claim 13, the prior art of record does not teach that the rotational movement mechanism has a first end of a stay attached to a gate side fixing member, a member with a groove formed along the plate holding member, a pin arranged on the side of the second end of the stay being passed through the groove and a pin engaging member for engaging the pin in combination with a plate holding member rotatably connected to the gate side fixing member via the rotational movement mechanism, a lock mechanism for locking the gate side fixing member to the plate holding member when the license plate is parallel and a stopper provided on the plate holding member.

With regards to claim 21, the prior art does not disclose a tailgate above a rear bumper with a gate side fixing member fixed to the tailgate and a plate holding member rotatably connected to the gate side fixing member and a stopper provided on the plate holding member for contacting the rear bumper when the tailgate is approximately horizontal and when the license plate is folded out, wherein there is a receiving cavity formed in the tailgate for the stopper.


Conclusion

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably

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accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Amy J. Sterling at telephone number 571-272-6823. The examiner can normally be reached (M-F 8 a.m.-5:00 p.m.). If attempts to reach the examiner are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robert Olszewski at 571-272-6788. The fax machine number for the -Technology center is 571-273-8300 (formal amendments) or 571-273-6823 (informal amendments/communications). Any inquiry of a general -nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Technology Center receptionist at 571-272-3600.


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3/25/06